

## **How has my experience of culture or understanding equity changed with time?**

Being a young student, I am not exposed to many cultures or ideals that are foreign to me. But when I do come into contact with a new culture or way of thinking, I am open to it and seek to learn more about it. This is a crucial way to perceive things so your mind doesn't think one sided all the time. Say an unfamiliar face was at school today, and this is a new student who has just moved here from India. They may do things differently there than in America, so instead of thinking that their ideas or actions they do are out of the ordinary, you must realize they grew up and were raised in a different culture than you. The reaction you have to new ideas and ways of thinking should not be close minded, rather wanting to learn more about the person and their new and unfamiliar culture. By doing this you can gain a new sense of respect for that person and their culture. Over time as you expose yourself to more cultures and ideals you will learn to get to know the beautiful people behind each one and learn to love each one, because you know even though they are different, they are a human on this Earth just like you.

One might think that they are right a hundred percent of the time. This stubbornness and ignorance does not help with learning and accepting people based on their background. This person would have a hard time accepting the qualities and traits of the person who brings new ideals to the table. There are many benefits of learning new things, such as, giving you new perspectives on the world around you, and so you can understand as well as be kind and understanding toward them. People fear what they don't understand so the more you learn about them, the less you will judge them or treat them inequitably. Over time, I hope I will learn more about cultures and that my views on society will be changed for the better.

I am young and have not experienced many events that have changed my perspective on people throughout the world over time, but my mom has. She told me a story about how her older brother was getting married to a Latina woman. My grandparents were furious because they thought less of her and her culture. They didn't treat her the same as the other in-laws. There were years where my mom's older brother and my grandparents did not talk, but ultimately over time they learned about her culture and they came to appreciate her for who she is. By opening up their heart and mind they saw the great qualities of everyone on this Earth. My uncle and his wife have been married for around 25 years and have 3 children. My grandparents now have much respect for them and have formed a great loving relationship over time with them and their grandkids.

My mother raised me differently than my grandparents were. She saw what happened with my uncle and my grandparents, and thought it was wrong of them to think that way of another person just because they grew up differently than them. The most important thing in society is to know that everyone is equal, and should be treated so. As well as knowing that every culture is important to their people and should be respected. If this fact is ignored life will greet you with a multitude of problems, such as how my grandparents stopped talking to their own son and his wife.

All in all, the judgement someone dishes out to things they have not researched or learned about, is all biased, because of the one sided views they have developed from coming into contact with with little to no other values or propositions. Therefore, everyone should try as hard as they can to learn and understand all they are able to about the unique and unfamiliar cultures and customs that consume our world. This will help our cultures unite and we will be able to truly treat each other equitably and with the respect we all deserve.

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